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*B E R G E N-O P-Z O O M.*

I.

**H**A N'T you heard of a Fortrefs, renowned  
in Fame,  
Possess'd by a Lady, *Batavia* by Name,  
Who's the Pride of all *Flanders* for Beauty and  
Bloom?  
What Place can compare with sweet *Bergen-*  
*op-zoom*?

II.

When the Count first drew-near, and with Pleasure  
beheld  
Her lovely fine Towers surveying the *Scheld*,  
'Twas diverting to see how himself he did plume,  
With the Thoughts of subduing sweet *Bergen-*  
*op-zoom*.

III. Tho'



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Tho' strong by its Site, as by Nature befriended,  
With Rav'lings, and Bastions, and Curtains de-  
fended,

He began his Approaches, yet stinted for Room,  
In Hopes to be Master of *Bergen-op-zoom*.

## IV.

In vain her fair Out-works he oft did assail.  
Tho' always repuls'd yet he scorn'd to turn-tail :  
But his Onsets renewing, he still did presume  
By Degrees to prevail o'er sweet *Bergen-op-zoom*.

## V.

" If to me fair *Batavia*, said he, you'll resign,  
" All Acts of Hostility I shall decline ;  
" Tho' with Cannon and Mortar prepar'd I am  
" come  
" To batter in Breach your lov'd *Bergen-op-zoom*.

## VI.

" To this she replied, brisk Soldier forbear,  
" I never will buy a Cessation so dear :  
" Her Maiden-head\* she shall convey to her Tomb ;  
" No Favour expect then from *Bergen-op-zoom*.

## VII.

" Tho' so much renown'd for your Prowess in War,  
" And taking Forts larger than mine is by far,  
" Do the worst that you may with your Cannon  
" and Bomb,  
" You shall ne'er have the Keys of my *Bergen-*  
" *op-zoom*."

\* This is a Term apply'd to *Bergen* by the *Dutch*, on Account of her never having been taking before, tho' 3 Times besieged.

## VIII. When



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When he found that Persuasions were used in vain,  
 He try'd if by Art he the Fortrefs could gain :  
 He said he'd retire, and shortly march home,  
 Nor think more of storming her *Bergen-op-zoom*.

## IX.

The Lady believ'd him, yet still kept her Eyes  
 Upon all his Motions, for Fear of Surprize :  
 Thus unactive, a while did his Vitals consume  
 Impatient to enter her *Bergen-op-zoom*.

## X.

At Length as one Morning the Walls he did scour,  
 He spy'd a small Sally-port open before,  
 When strait rushing forward, he quickly made  
 Room,  
 And thus got Possession of *Bergen-op-zoom*.

## XI.

The Lady surpriz'd, to call-out did begin :  
 But alas ! 'twas too late when the Hero was in,  
 Who, ravish'd with Joy, cry'd in rapturous Fume,  
 O! the lovely! — the charming! — sweet *Bergen-*  
*op-zoom*.

## XII.

He erected his Standard the Rampart upon,  
 Yet she had the Courage to pull it thrice down ;  
 And had she persisted, without Beat of Drum,  
 She might have recover'd her *Bergen-op-zoom*.



## XIII.

But such was her Fluster, in that fatal Hour,  
 To make more Resistance she had not the Power :  
 While the Count of a Courtier the Air did assume,  
 And thus he address'd her in *Bergen-op-zoom*.

## XIV.

“ Fair Lady, said he, tho’ by Art I have gain’d  
 “ What perhaps from your Coyness I ne’er had  
 “ obtain’d,  
 “ I shall always regard my Success as your Boon,  
 “ And be kind, for your Sake, to your *Bergen-*  
 “ *op-zoom*.

## XV.

“ If you keep but your Promise, Lady *Batty*  
 “ reply’d,  
 “ To obey your good-Pleasure shall still be my  
 “ Pride :  
 “ Nor shall I henceforward repent of my Doom,  
 “ But freely surrender my *Bergen-op-zoom*.

*F I N I S.*



